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Identical letters dated 28 August 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 August 2007, addressed to you by Murat Soysal, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Representation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Baki **İlkin**
Ambassador
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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 9 August 2007 addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot Chargé d'affaires a.i. and circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (see A/61/1025-S/2007/483), which yet again contains allegations of violations of the "airspace of the Republic of Cyprus" and of the "flight information region of Nicosia", and to bring to your kind attention the following.

In response to such false and pretentious allegations, I wish, once again, to reiterate that flights within the sovereign airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus take place with the full knowledge and consent of the appropriate authorities of the State, over which the Greek Cypriot administration in South Cyprus has no jurisdiction or right of say whatsoever. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that allegations of so-called violations of the flight information region or violations of air traffic regulations are invalid, as the civil aviation authority of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is the only competent authority to provide air traffic and aeronautical information services.

As stated in our previous letters, such allegations are based on the false and illegitimate claim that the sovereignty of the Greek Cypriot administration extends over the whole island, including the territory of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. This claim by the Greek Cypriot side is divorced from the existing realities in Cyprus, namely, the existence of two independent States, each exercising sovereignty and jurisdiction within and above its respective territory on the island.

Attempts by the Greek Cypriot representatives, through often-repeated false claims, to confer legitimacy upon an illegal administration will be futile as long as the Turkish Cypriot people refuse to bow to its writs. What would indeed be conducive to a better climate on the island would be for the Greek Cypriot side to stop arrogating to itself the rights and responsibilities it does not legally have, and to cease all hostilities towards the Turkish Cypriot people.

Furthermore, the Greek Cypriot administration's attempts to delimit maritime jurisdiction areas as well as to explore oil and natural gas deposits in the Eastern Mediterranean violate not only the legitimate rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriot people but also those of all of the countries concerned in the Eastern Mediterranean. Instead of pursuing policies and actions that generate tension and destabilization in the area and that attempt to calumniate Turkey, the Greek Cypriot administration would do better to concentrate on finding a solution to the Cyprus problem under your mission of good offices.

(*Signed*) Murat **Soysal**
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